

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 10, 2015**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Darrell Pollesch
Lisa Derr - Absent
Larry Bischoff
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Jeffry Duchac, County Board Supervisor and Member of Dodge County Child and Family Services Coordinating Committee; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of March 2, 2015; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck gave a short update on Alcohol Court. Personnel attended a 3 day seminar and there will be additional training with a webinar. He explained options used for a sobriety and alcohol court and how long a defendant may be required to use them, along with random PBT's. There has been a positive response from local Chiefs of Police. Warden Pollard also commended the County for taking these steps in dealing with offenders.

Judge Storck reported on the new procedure for taking of DNA samples at the time of arrests, including for certain misdemeanor cases. While the samples are not sent to the lab immediately, the system needs to be in place for these. The Sheriff reported that his department is ready to go with this. Lynn Hron reported that a system is being developed, including forms that can go over to the jail staff. Every County handles this differently so Dodge County will run how it will work for our staff.

Lynn Hron, Bob Barrington, Judge Storck and Atty. Katherine Koepsell testified before the Wisconsin Supreme Court regarding the requirement for mandatory efilg. The State is still looking for the funds to budget this project with the projected start date of January 2, 2016. Dodge County has now made efilg available to all attorneys in Dodge County criminal cases.

Mead & Hunt has a list of items to be included in the 2016 security projects for the Courts. The Security Committee is meeting after this Law Enforcement Meeting and will be discussing those projects.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported no items on the agenda. She is hoping that Bernie Mueller can encourage other child support agencies to go to efilg.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller has been asked to participate on a panel regarding efilg for Child Support Agencies in Stevens Point.

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg did not have any action items, but reported to the Committee that four staff attorneys will be attending the SPET Conference, including both he and Bob Barrington.

DA Klomberg is still hopeful that pay progression will be returned to the State budget. He reported that there is a tremendous amount of support for new prosecutors, and that Dodge County has been identified as needing an additional attorney.

He reported on the proposal of making threats to prosecutors and law enforcement officers be made a felony offense as it is already for judges. State law currently does not provide that remedy. He also reported on what constitutes an actionable threat.

Medical Examiner Report: ME Schoebel gave his quarterly report on activities in his department. He reported on the process of cremations, which account for an increase in activity for his department along with the fact that in general the number of cremations are up from approximately 20% when he stated to approximately 55% now.

He reported to the Committee the basis on which he is considering the creation of a full-time chief deputy position. Right now, his position is the only full time position for this department. There was discussion on budget impact and how that might be addressed in the future.

Sheriff Office Report: Joe Nicholas will be the new K9 officer and they hope to be up and running by May 9.

The most wanted program started yesterday with one already in custody.

The Department is working on Project Lifesaver for Alzheimer patients and autistic people with over \$4,700 having been donated already. There will be an update next month.

Money to purchase the tactical vests has been received.

Scott Smith reported that volunteer Jim Firehammer has recently passed away and he will be missed.

Revenue from the auction sale of 15 vehicles amounted to \$17,532.47.

A draft of the proposed amendment to Dodge County Ordinance Chapter 9, Peace and Order of the Code of Ordinances was given to Committee members. This was just for review at this month's meeting as the Sheriff is still meeting with Corporation Counsel Office and is getting input from DA Klomberg. The Sheriff explained that many ordinances need updating and he explained that this will make tools available to his Office.

Scott Smith provided the history of the Crime Prevention Fund and reasons to create a new business unit to deal with donations, etc. Bischoff moved with a second by Schraufnagel to create Business Unit "Law Enforcement" and to transfer the funds from Business Unit 2035 Crime Prevention Fund to it. Judge Storck commented in favor of this. Motion carried.

With the sale of the Fox Lake building, the Sheriff's Office is in need of a building in which to shelter vehicles for preservation of evidence. The Committee will be hearing more on the proposed cost for this building in the near future.

The proposal to proceed with the Intrado upgrade was already approved and with an approval by the Executive Committee with project will be going ahead. The Sheriff's Office hopes to get the 911 upgrade project started in the next four months or so.

The jail project with Mead & Hunt for security services is now entering Phase 2 with funding coming from the jail assessment fund. Schraufnagel moved to pay the invoices as received with a second by Bischoff. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schraufnagel with a second by Pollesch to approve the budgeted purchase of two additional rifles for the SWAT team. Motion carried.

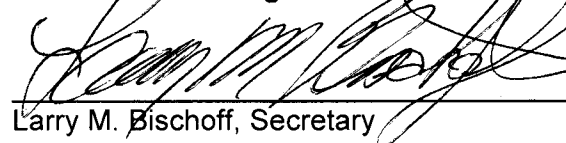
In addition, Sheriff Schmidt recognized the contributions that Scott Smith has made and what an asset he is to the Sheriff's Office. He has appreciated the great job Scott has done during the past three months.

Other business: Supervisor Duchac made an informational presentation regarding the Dodge County Child and Family Services Coordinating Committee. He informed the Committee the history of this Coordinating Committee, along with the funding history and mission statement. Mr. Duchac reported that this is family focused. They try for corrections to be made before any of the children become involved in the Court system. He also reported on how the department gets the referrals for families. Truancy is targeted along with the reasons for the truancies so that going to school can be a positive for these children and their families. Supervisor Duchac also gave some of the numbers of participants receiving services in many of the programs.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 8, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Bischoff to adjourn meeting; second by Pollesch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.


Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary


Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary